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## Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Once again, retired pastor emeritus of Georgetown Presbyterian, the Reverend Campbell Gillon, will lead us in prayer.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O God of creation, while the brightest human minds painstakingly uncover the intricate fringes of Thy handiwork, we recognize that the proper attitude before Thee is not arrogance and self-satisfied cleverness but humility and wonder, for the ultimate question is not how, but who, since this mysterious gift of human life with its flawed grandeur, dissatisfied searching, and spiritual promptings point to a Giver who has yet something better in mind.

We come to Thee as recipients, entrusted with all that we have and are. Our gifts are different and disparate, yet Thou hast dealt with us all equally—in the measure of trust shown us, in the measure of responsibility for using what we are briefly given, and in the measure of commendation we shall receive if found faithful.

Lord God, teach us that in Thine economy none is an outright owner, but all are temporary stewards. We enter the world with nothing but the precious gift of life. We leave it with the character we fashioned by our use of the time, talents, and possessions with which we are entrusted. All we take to Thee is the person we have become.

*So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom—* Psalm 90:12.

O Lord, grant such wisdom to the Members of this Senate that in leading they may be divinely led, that in taking counsel together, they may be in-

structed individually by a truth-quickened conscience, and as they share in enacting the laws of time, they may do so in the light of eternity. So, bless and give grace to each one. In the power of Thy Spirit we pray. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The deputy leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of S. 14, the Energy bill. There are currently two LIHEAP amendments pending to the bill, as well as the bipartisan ethanol amendment. At this time, I urge any Member who wishes to offer an amendment to contact the chairman or ranking member of the Energy Committee so that time can be scheduled for the consideration of such amendments.

Members should expect rollcall votes during today's session. It is anticipated that we will be able to dispose of several energy amendments later today. Members will be notified, of course, when the first vote is scheduled.

For the remainder of the week, the Senate will continue the consideration of the Energy bill and wrap up action on the Department of Defense authorization bill. Rollcall votes are therefore expected each day during this week.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CORNYN). The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. If my distinguished colleague will yield, it is my understanding also that the two managers have agreed to set aside the pending amendments for other amendments to be offered. I believe that is the case.

Mr. McCONNELL. I say to my friend from Nevada, I believe that is the case.

Mr. REID. I think those who have amendments should get to the Chamber as quickly as they can because one of the sponsors of one of the amendments now pending will not be here until this afternoon. So we can move that along with other amendments. It is my understanding that this bill, when it was up last year, took 8 weeks. It is my understanding that the majority leader wants to finish this bill within the next 2 weeks. So that is a really big order because some of these amendments are very difficult. Some of the issues are difficult.

I suggest we should get on this as quickly as possible because it is going to be very difficult to finish this bill in 2 weeks.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, as the Senator from Nevada has indicated, it is our hope that we can finish the Energy bill in the next couple of weeks. We intend to pursue that as vigorously as possible. The cooperation of all Members toward that end would be greatly appreciated.

The assistant Democratic leader is correct; it would be wonderful to have amendments laid down and debated. We are open for business.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

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